

## PRESS RELEASE

### Life time Achievement Award for Deepak Pahwa New Delhi, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010

The Alumni Association of Banaras Hindu University honored Mr. Deepak Pahwa, Chairman, Pahwa Enterprises & Managing Director, Bry-Air (Asia) with Lifetime Achievement Award for his notable contribution for his role and contribution in putting India on the global map in the HVAC&R sector.

*IT BHU Alumni Life Time Achievement Award* was also presented to Mr. M.K. Modi, Chairman, MKM Group, for establishing joint ventures and technical collaborations with several US and European firms.

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Awards. The Awards have been instituted to recognize and honour the achievers and inculcate pride for the institute in the students. The Alumni of Banaras Hindu University have always been a powerful presence at the national and international level. At the same time their sense of duty and commitment towards their Alma Mater has been commendable.

Other Awardees of Alumni of the Year Awards are Mr. Jaswinder Singh Ahuja, Corporate Vice President & Managing Director Cadence Design Systems, Inc., India, 1986 EcE, Mr. Pankaj Chandra, Director, IIM, Bangalore, 1983 mining, Mr. R G Rajan, Chairman & Managing Director Project & Development India Limited, 1979 Chemical and Mr. S.P. Shukla, President Reliance Communications Ltd, 1979 Chemical.

The awardees were selected by the following esteemed panel of jury members:

- o Mr. Kashi Memani - Chairman Emeritus, E&Y
- o Mr. David Hudson- Chairman Grou4 & Chairman European Business group
- o Col. Wahi- Ex chairman ONGC
- o Mr. K.P.Singh- Director IT, BHU
- o Mr. S. N. Upadhyay- Professor and ex-Director IT, BHU
- o Mr. Awasthi-CMD, IFFCO
- o Mr. Onkar Gupta- Director & Member of Board, Lurgi
- o Mr. Rajeev Gupta, MD, Resource Development, International (India) Pvt Ltd and current secretary, BHU-IT

BHU Alumni Awards are an endeavor to recognize the exemplary work done by their Alumni in their respective field of specialization, and contribution they have made towards the economy as a whole. As a means to recognise the contributions of these alumni, and further the cause of technical education in the country, our association has decided to honour "Significant Contributor" every year from amongst the engineering alumni of Banaras Hindu University, on the occasion of its Annual General Body Meeting. The selection of the Significant Contributor would be through a jury comprising our own alumni in part and a group of eminent, independent personalities from the industry (Mr. David Hudson, Mr. Kashi Memani, Col Wahi etc.).

**About Benaras Hindu University:** BHU was the first university in the country to offer integrated engineering courses, since the turn of the last century, through its colleges, viz, Benaras Engineering College, College of Technology (TECHNO) and College of Mining and Metallurgy which were combined together in 1968 as Institute of Technology, Benaras Hindu University. BHU has been producing graduates in various engineering disciplines and its graduates have contributed to the building up of technical infrastructure in the country post independence.

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